

# ***EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER***

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### **Announcements**

**"Governor Romney announced \$45 million to fight terrorism in Massachusetts"** On March 9, 2004, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded Massachusetts \$45 million in federal homeland security funding. Governor Mitt Romney announced funding will help the Commonwealth's communities identify and address security vulnerabilities. The majority of the federal homeland security funds will be distributed on a regional basis according to the overall statewide strategy. Each region will establish a management structure to guide planning and the distribution of funds. The amount allocated to each region was determined based on the results of the Commonwealth's threat, vulnerability and risk assessment. For more information, please go to [http://www.state.ma.us/eops/releases/hs\\_release04.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/eops/releases/hs_release04.htm).

**"Kathleen Dennehy Appointed Commissioner of Correction"** On March 16, 2004, Governor Mitt Romney appointed Kathleen Dennehy Commissioner of the Department of Correction, making her the first woman to head the prison system in Massachusetts. Ms. Dennehy has worked at the Department of Correction for 27 years, including serving as Superintendent at MCI-Framingham. Prior to being named Acting Commissioner, Ms. Dennehy served as Deputy Commissioner for six years.

**The Seventh Annual International Crime Mapping Research Conference** will be held March 31-April 3, 2004, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers in Boston, Massachusetts. Pre-conference training sessions will be held March 29-30, 2004. Online registration is available at <http://www.nijpcs.org/upcoming.htm>. The registration fee is \$150 before February 27, 2004, or \$175 after that date. For additional information, please contact the Institute for Law and Justice at [nijpcs@ilj.org](mailto:nijpcs@ilj.org) or 703-684-5300.

**"School Safety in the New Era of Homeland Security"** The Office of Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett is sponsoring a one-day training that will help school administrators, public safety officials, and public/mental health providers develop site-specific, collaborative emergency response plans for major threats to school safety and security in their communities. The conference will be held on **April 6, 2004** and repeated on **April 7, 2004**, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at North Shore Community College, Danvers Campus, Health Professions Building, 1 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, Massachusetts. Please choose only one date to attend. A \$20.00 fee covers food and registration. **The registration deadline is March 23, 2004.** Space is limited. For further information, please contact Ruth Budelmann or Stephanie Cella at (978) 745-6610 x109 or x159.

Massachusetts Office for Victims Assistance (MOVA) will host a **20th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Victim Bill of Rights Commemorative Event** on **Wednesday, April 14, 2004** from 9a.m.-12p.m. at the State House. This event will include awards presentations and speakers who have been leaders over the past twenty years in the victim rights movement.

**"Engaging Young Men in the Prevention of Sexual Assault"** This day-long symposium will be held on **Friday, April 16, 2004**, and will feature **Men Can Stop Rape**, from Washington DC. It will be an advanced forum on methods to engage, educate, and inspire young men ages 13 to 18 years old in the prevention of sexual assault. It is geared toward Rape Crisis Center and Domestic Violence Center Staff, Board, and Volunteers, High School Staff and Student Leaders, and Violence Prevention Educators. Registration, including fee, is due Friday, April 9, 2004. The fee is \$25 per person, except as follows

- JDI Member Organizations: 4 free slots (including teen leaders), \$25 for each additional registrant
- Non-Member Organizations, such as schools: may have 2 free slots for teen leaders.

To register online: [www.mijd.org/april2004forum.html](http://www.mijd.org/april2004forum.html). To register by mail: send completed registration form to Jane Doe Inc.; 14 Beacon Street Suite 507; Boston, MA 02108. If you have questions please contact [mensinitiative@janedoe.org](mailto:mensinitiative@janedoe.org) or 617-557-1830.

**“Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar”** The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a **Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar** at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts on **April 26, 2004**, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (check-in 8:00-8:30). The one-day class is designed for law enforcement officers and addresses the various club drugs, including symptoms of their use, and their relationship to the rave scene. This awareness seminar also provides valuable information to officers on strategies for regulating rave events and for conducting drug enforcement operations at raves. There is no registration fee. You may register online at <http://registration.iir.com/clubdrugs.htm>. If you have additional questions please call (800) 446-0912.

**“2004 Victim Rights Conference”** As part of honoring the 20th anniversary of Victim Rights in Massachusetts, MOVA will host the 2004 Victim Rights Conference on **Wednesday, April 28, 2004**, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. This free day long conference brings together crime victims, victim service providers and criminal justice personnel for a day of learning, networking and inspiration. Rev. Gloria White Hammond, M.D., co-Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston and a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center will be offering the keynote address. Nationally, Crime Victim Rights Week will be celebrated during the week of April 19, 2004. The theme of this year's celebration is Victims' Rights: America's Values.

**“Statewide Grant Writing Training”** The Executive Office of Public Safety is hosting a statewide workshop entitled **Grant Writing Basics and Budgeting for Public Safety** to be presented on **March 30, 2004** at the Holiday Inn Newton in Newton, MA (two sessions) and on **March 31, 2004** at the Holiday Inn Worcester in Worcester, MA (one session). You need only register for one session. Each organization/jurisdiction is limited to **two** registrants, including a fiscal and/or programmatic person responsible for grant writing and/or grant administration for the organization. Driving directions will be sent to all registrants prior to the workshop.

Each workshop is limited to 100 participants who will be accepted in the order in which they register; the **registration deadline is Friday, March 19, 2004**. For more information, contact Jennifer Keating: [jennifer.keating@state.ma.us](mailto:jennifer.keating@state.ma.us) or at 617-727-6300 extension 25338 or Kelly Robichaud: [kelly.robichaud@state.ma.us](mailto:kelly.robichaud@state.ma.us) or at 617-727-6300 extension 25335. The registration form may be accessed at [http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/grants\\_registration.doc](http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/grants_registration.doc).

**“Narcotics Task Force Workshop”** The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a **Narcotics Task Force Workshop** at NESPIN, 124 Grove Street, Suit 105, Franklin, Massachusetts on **May 3-5, 2004**. The three-day course is designed for multijurisdictional narcotics task force commanders and supervisory personnel in the area of multiagency narcotics enforcement operations. It focuses on multiagency response training needs in the investigation and prosecution of narcotics trafficking conspiracies. Instruction includes practical exercises covering both administrative and operational aspects of narcotics task force enforcement efforts. There is no registration fee. You may register online at <http://registration.iir.com/narc.htm>. For information about overnight accommodations or additional questions, please call (800) 446-0912.

The **National Center for Victims of Crime** will convene its first national conference, which has as its theme **“Forging Alliances Building Leadership,”** in Washington, DC, **June 20-22, 2004**. Coinciding with the National Center's 20th anniversary, this conference will feature:

- Nationally recognized speakers on a wide range of cutting-edge issues;
- Hands-on workshops to sharpen your skills;
- Networking opportunities with victim service providers and allied professionals from across the country;
- Scheduled meetings with your Congressional representatives; and
- No-cost exhibit opportunities.

For additional information regarding "Call for Presenters," "Exhibit Applications," and conference registration information please go to [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org).

### **Funding Opportunities**

To date, over 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant

funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at [patricia.bergin@state.ma.us](mailto:patricia.bergin@state.ma.us).

**“Application for Grant Funds”** Please be advised, for the purposes of grant solicitation by the EOPS Programs Division, the Application for Grant Funds (AGF) replaces the term RFR (Request for Response).

### **Research and Statistics**

**“Crime and the Nation’s Households, 2002”** In 2002, 15% of the households in the United States, accounting for 16 million households, experienced 1 or more violent or property crimes as measured by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). A violent crime against a person age 12 or older occurred in 3% of U.S. households. Intimate partner violence affected about 4 households in 1,000 during 2002, or less than 1% of all households. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cnh02.pdf>.

**“Pulse Check: Drug Markets and Chronic Users in 25 of America’s Largest Cities”** The *Pulse Check* is a research report presenting findings on drug use patterns and drug markets as reported by ethnographers, epidemiologists, treatment providers and law enforcement officials. Marijuana is the most easily purchased drug across the country. Illegal drug sales in Boston are associated with a wide variety of crimes, including prostitution, gang-related activity, armed robbery, extortion, assault, petty theft, shoplifting, larceny, and domestic violence. Crack dealers (especially young adults) are more involved in crimes than any other drug dealers. Ecstasy/club drugs and diverted OxyContin have been identified by law enforcement officials as new problems that have emerged or intensified in Boston during 2002. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/drugfact/pulsechk/january04/january2004.pdf>.

**“Juvenile Suicides, 1981–1998”** Suicide was the fourth leading cause of death for juveniles older than age 6. The age profiles of males and females who committed suicide were very similar: 10% of males and 6% of females were younger than age 13, whereas 66% of males and 62% of females were 17 years old. A white juvenile between ages 7 and 17 was nearly 1.5 times more likely to commit suicide than to be murdered, while black youth were almost 7 times more likely to be murdered than to commit suicide. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/196978.pdf>.

**“MDMA (Ecstasy) Fact Sheet”** The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 2.2% of youth ages 12-17 reported MDMA use during the past year, while 15.1% of 18- to 25-year-olds surveyed in 2002 had used MDMA at least once in their lifetime. In 2003, there was a 39% decline of reported MDMA past year use by both 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and a 28% decrease among 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 2002. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/ncj201387.pdf>.

### **Resources**

**“Getting to Outcomes 2004: Promoting Accountability through Methods and Tools for Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation”** The RAND Corporation recently released a Web-based manual, that aims to bridge the research and practice gap; and thereby, improving prevention outcomes. The document lays out a user-friendly 10-step process for planning, implementing, and evaluating any prevention model or approach. Users will acquire and enhance the planning, implementation, and evaluation skills necessary to improve and sustain their programs. <http://www.rand.org/publications/TR/TR101/>

**“Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program”** The goal of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. To learn more about VIPS and how to establish or expand a volunteer program, attend a regional symposium, sponsored by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). For details and dates, please go to <http://www.policevolunteers.org/resources/symposia/>.

### **Homeland Security Resources**

**“Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy”** This document serves as the State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It provides the strategic vision that will guide how the state government (departments, agencies, and authorities), will work in partnership with federal, regional, local, and private sector entities, to enhance statewide capabilities to

detect, prevent, respond to and manage the consequences of acts of terrorism and other critical incidents. For more information, please view: [http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/hls\\_04.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/hls_04.htm).

**Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP)** The Executive Office of Public Safety would like to bring to your attention a training opportunity from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness. The program, **Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP)**, assists responders to better select, operate, and maintain their radiological, chemical and biological detection and response equipment by providing detailed technical information and hands-on equipment operations and maintenance training. DPETAP Mobile Technical Assistance Teams provide, **at no cost to the jurisdiction**, on-site technical assistance and training to assist emergency response personnel in the operation and maintenance of their domestic preparedness equipment. This program is offered to any jurisdiction that has received funding from the Office of Domestic Preparedness to purchase domestic preparedness equipment and one may request as many Technical Assistance Visits as one would like. For more information regarding DPETAP, please review the DPETAP fact sheet by visiting: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/dpetap.htm>.

### **Contact Information**

**Suggestions?** We welcome and encourage your comments regarding this electronic newsletter. Please email Patricia Bergin, Research Analyst, Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center, at: [patricia.bergin@state.ma.us](mailto:patricia.bergin@state.ma.us).

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